of his servants The King, being weaponless, fought for Mr Alexander's sword that had fallen from his hand, but his servants thrust him back and shut him again in the little study, and thus having the King in safety reencountered the Earl of Gowry and his servants, yet though they were but four and the Earl and his men eight, after many strokes on both sides they gained the victory, the Earl of Gowry being stricken dead with a stroke through the heart, which Sir John Ramsay gave him, and the rest of the servants dung over the stairs with many hurts, as in like manner the King's servants were all three very sore wounded and hurt

All the time of this fight, the Duke of Lennox, the Earl of Mar and the rest of the King's servants, were striking with great hammers upon the outer door, which Mr Alexander had locked at his first going forth with the King , but by reason of the strength of the door it did bide them the space of half an hour and more before they could get it broken and have entrance, and found beyond expectation his Majesty alive and the Earl of Gowry lying dead at his feet Immediately thereafter the King, kneeling down on his knees in the midst of his servants, with his own mouth gave thanks to God of that miraculous deliverance

In the meanwhile there was a great tumult in the town, which continued for the space of two or three hours, until the King by oft speaking to them at the windows and causing the bailiffs and other honest men of the town to be brought into the chamber, he declared the whole form of that strange accident and delivered the bodies to their keeping

It was eight o'clock in the evening before the King could depart out of the town for Falkland, but before

he had ridden four miles the whole way was clad with all sort of people, both horse and foot, meeting him with great joy and acclamation*

17*th August* THE EARL OF LIKCOLN'S CONTEMPT

When the Earl of Lincoln did at length yield himself to the Sergeant-at-anns and suffer himself to be imprisoned in the Fleet, he then refused to pay the Sergeant's fees , whereupon complaint was made to the Council and my Lord was com-manded to make payment, To which he answered that he